

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Action mailed January 7, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 3 and 31-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

In response to the rejections, Applicant has amended remaining claim 3 to provide proper antecedent basis for all claim terms. In view of that amendment, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 defines the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-15 and 25-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Karakashian, et al.* ("Karakashian," U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0064503) in view of *Felciano et al.* ("Felciano," U.S. Pat. No. 6,052,730).

As indicated above, Applicant has amended each independent claim through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot.

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With particular regard to independent claim 1, Applicant notes that neither Karakashian nor Felciano discloses or suggests a message handler associated with a client intercepting a request from the client and intended for a network service. Furthermore, neither reference discloses or suggests the message handler interjecting a session identifier into the request and storing the time at which the request was transmitted to the network service. Moreover, neither reference discloses or suggests the message handler associated with the client later intercepting a response from the network service and storing the time at which the response was received.

Regarding independent claim 25, neither Karakashian nor Felciano discloses or suggests a message handler associated with a client intercepting a message intended for a network service, interjecting a session identifier into the message, or storing the time at which the message was transmitted to the network service.

III. New Claims

Claims 35-39 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

With particular regard to independent claim 36, none of the cited references disclose or suggest a message handler associated with a network service that comprises logic configured to identify a session identifier within an intercepted request and store in a database relative to the session identifier the time at which the request was received.

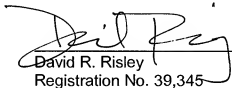
IV. Canceled Claims

Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 14, 16-24, 27, and 31-34 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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